

(Washington, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today voted for legislation that will cut taxes for 62,500 families in Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District this year by ensuring that they do not fall subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Without this legislation, families with incomes between \$50,000 and \$200,000 would face a stiff tax increase. The Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 (HR 6275), which will cut taxes for 25 million Americans, passed by a vote of 233-189.

This fiscally responsible legislation will cut taxes without adding to the deficit by closing loopholes in the tax code, encouraging tax compliance, and repealing excessive government subsidies to oil companies.

“At a time when our economy is struggling and high gas and food prices are draining Americans’ wallets, it is more important than ever to ensure hard-working Americans are not hit with a tax increase due to the Alternative Minimum Tax,” Altmire said. **“Finding new ways to cut taxes for American families is always one of my top priorities.”**

Congressman Altmire has a strong record of cutting taxes for working families and small businesses. This year, Congressman Altmire supported the \$150 billion economic stimulus package that is delivering tax rebates to more than 5 million Pennsylvanian households and approximately \$44 billion in tax cuts for small businesses to encourage them to make investments that spur job growth. Congressman Altmire also sponsored several key provisions of the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act (HEART Act – H.R. 6081), legislation signed into law last week that will provide tax relief to military families who are facing financial hardship.